

## memo

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To: Orlando

From: Tiresias

Re: From the set of books *A Historical Personages, vol. I, Aaam to Gitnest*

**Gabdan:** (1594-1647) A contemporary of Don Juan's, Gabdan attempted to fashion himself in the mold of the famous profligate, without much success. Unable to seduce any women other than the aged, those of greatly enfeebled intelligence (read: half-wits), or those who required payment, he soon fell into a depression marked by bouts of screaming paranoia. Documents of the time tell of a man matching Gabdan's description running through the streets of Seville, tearing his hair and screaming that his inability to bed women was causing his penis to shrivel.

Gabdan, after one of his more virulent hair-tearings, was arrested and thrown in jail for the night. Police records of the time indicate that when the jailer went to retrieve Gabdan from his twenty-four solid hours of solitude, he found, instead of the crazed man he had locked away, a woman who was completely naked, not unattractive, and beckoning to him. The jailer, in his report, went on to say that he did what any healthy man would do, and that the experience was mediocre, but worth repeating. Assuming the woman was a gift from God, the jailer decided to keep her.

Gabdan lived out the rest of her life in the jail, freely serving Seville's entire judicial system, from the most powerful judge to men who were sentenced to die. She is rumored to have written a memoir entitled *The Hungry Cat* [*note: the last word of the title has been translated as Cat so as not to offend the delicate*], but no copies exist today, probably having been burned by the Church.